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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Freeing Sterling

IN the course of their economic discussions during the weekend the British Commonwealth Prime Ministers have linked to the question of Sterling convertibility the proposition of obtaining American sanction to an increase in the world price of gold. This manoeuvre is seen as a powerful safeguard for the future of Sterling in the event of a serious recession. But there are a number of other vital factors upon which convertibility is dependent if it is to realise the aspirations of those who are sponsoring such a move. They are underlined by The Economist in a recent survey of the subject. One is the willingness of the United States to offer further aid to the Sterling area; another the desirability of a programme for deliberate disinflation in the Commonwealth. The second proposition would be based mainly on a sharp cut in the uneconomic industrialisation programmes of the Sterling dominions and on the switching of resources in Britain from the consumer goods industries into capital goods industries. In fact, it is suggested, a programme of this sort will be needed whether an advance to Sterling convertibility is attempted or not.

ANOTHER proposal is that the cushion for an experiment in convertibility should not take the form of American grants-in-aid, but for the American central banking system to accept payment for part of any American surplus in a new sort of claim on other countries' resources, on the analogy of the credit lines now granted to one another by European countries under the European Payments Union. It would also be necessary to take steps to ensure that the Americans were not asked to take up more of these claims than they were willing to hold. One method of doing this would be to enable the Americans to restrict, at their own volition, the volume of American goods which foreigners could buy, but in addition any countries that kept on running into debt would have to yield to the international authorities managing the new payments system powers that have hitherto been regarded as the inviolable prerogative of national economic sovereignty. These proposals, which conceivably, the Commonwealth Prime Ministers are taking into consideration during their current discussions. They may be felt to be insufficient for the aims in view, but they can hardly be left out of deliberations on the subject of Sterling convertibility. As The Economist emphasises, the Commonwealth and Western Europe cannot expect to go on living off American aid while discriminating against American goods. But one thing is certain: convertibility and lasting non-discrimination cannot be attained cheaply.

## CYCLONE DISASTER

### Hundreds Injured In S. African Township BIG AREA FLATTENED NEAR JOHANNESBURG

Johannesburg, Nov. 30. More than 400 non-Europeans were injured when a cyclone struck the Albertshoek location on the outskirts of Johannesburg tonight. Hospitals reported at 10 p.m. (local time) that there were 10 deaths but that many more were expected.

"We are too busy caring for the injured—they're coming in hundreds—to worry about bodies now," said the hospital director at the big non-European Baragwanath Hospital a few miles from the location.

Within a few minutes of the tragedy more than 200 volunteer nursing personnel were rushed to the scene.

The fire brigade used searchlights to light the scene for rescue workers.

Special radio appeals were broadcast for blood and within a few moments of the appeal there was a mile-long traffic jam at the transfusion centre.

The cyclone flattened about two square miles in the centre of the township.

Early reports said 400 natives had been admitted to hospital, and that urgent appeals had been broadcast for blood donors, doctors and nurses.

An official at a "non-European" hospital near here said casualties were being brought in by the hundreds by ambulance and private cars.

Police, doctors and volunteer helpers, working by the light of ambulance searchlights, motorcar headlights and hand torches, were unable to estimate the number of dead, which was believed considerable. They feared many bodies would be found in the debris.

Hail and electric storms were breaking over scattered parts of the Transvaal province when Albertshoek was struck.

Fifteen people were killed by lightning during thunderstorms on the Witwatersrand and in Pretoria during the weekend.—Associated Press and Reuter.

### Catholic Party Win Saar Election

Saarbrücken, Nov. 30. The clear victory of the Catholic Party in the Saar elections was no longer in any serious doubt when four-fifths of the votes had been counted at 11 GMT tonight.

Out of 453,982 votes cast, 301,000 were tallied between 20 and 23 per cent.

Of the valid votes the Catholics had 58 per cent, the Socialists 32 per cent, the Communists nine per cent and the People's Democratic Party three per cent.

Those who stayed away from the polls totalled seven per cent of 466,120 registered voters in the districts where counting was completed.

As counted votes neared the 100,000 figure the trend manifest from the beginning of the count remained consistently the same. After 93,314 votes had been counted, it was estimated that there were only five per cent abstentions, and 23 per cent spoiled voting papers.

Whatever the interpretation given to the election figures, it seemed clear at this stage of the counting that two-thirds of the voting population of this internationally contested coal and steel region has expressed its decision, for the time being, at least, to remain autonomous.

There is no German comment on the result to date. Observers who watched the counting of the votes, noticed that some of the spoiled papers had such remarks scribbled on them as: "I should not vote for traitors."

Several had a rubber stamp imprinted on them, bearing the words: "Peasants' Nation" (German action)—the name of a big German irredent movement, organised by Prince Hubertus of Loewenstein.—Reuter.

### Signor Orlando Dying

Rome, Nov. 30. Doctors attending Vittorio Emanuele Orlando, 82, last of the big four who wrote the World War I peace settlement, said today he is near death. A member of the family added: "The end may come at any moment."

He suffered a cerebral hemorrhage on Thursday night. His physicians said they fear bronchial pneumonia now is setting in. He has been in a coma, partially paralysed, since the cerebral attack.

"It is feared" the doctors told reporters, "that the end is near."—Associated Press.

### "Strong Man" And Brother



Attending the Indian Union party held at the Semiramis Hotel in Cairo are General Ali Naguib (left) and his brother, Egyptian Prime Minister General Mohamed Naguib. The party was given in General Ali's honour prior to his departure from Egypt to become Egyptian ambassador in Syria.—London Express.

### Winston Celebrates Birthday

London, Nov. 30. British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, 78 today, cut his 40-lb. birthday cake, decorated with an olive branch and a verse, at his family birthday party here tonight.

Every year the design and decorations of Mr. Churchill's birthday are kept secret to the last moment.

Last year the cake was shaped like his well-known black hat and surmounted with a plaque. This year it was oval-shaped with representations in coloured lozenges of the four seasons.

The cake was packed with cherries—Mr. Churchill's favourite fruit.

The family party included his two daughters and son-in-law. They ate the cake to the accompaniment of family toasts and glasses of champagne.

Mr. Churchill spent most of the day inspecting hundreds of greetings messages he had received from all over the world. These included wishes from heads of foreign states and unknown admirers and presents from expensive gifts to humble bunches of flowers.

THE VERSE  
The verse on the cake, composed by one of five bakers who made it this year, read:

"While the earth is dressed in solemn white  
You, counsel in peace or strength  
In the fight,  
Shed guide us to a never spring."

Mr. Churchill was up early for his birthday today. He spent some time looking through state papers in his bedroom before coming downstairs.

Despite a bitter wind blowing along Downing Street, many sightseers lingered outside the house to catch a glimpse of him.

They gave him and his wife a cheer when they left by car to lunch privately with friends.

Several Commonwealth Prime Ministers, including Khwaja Nazimuddin (Pakistan) and Mr. Robert Menzies (Australia), sent telegrams of birthday congratulations to Mr. Churchill.—Reuter.

### Fire Sweeps Through 4-Storey Building

Havana, Nov. 30. Flames believed caused by a short circuit swept through a four-storey building occupied by the main F. W. Woolworth Co. store here last night.

Preliminary estimates placed the damage at more than \$300,000.—Associated Press.

### Lightning Kills 15 Persons

Johannesburg, Nov. 30. Fifteen people were killed by lightning during thunderstorms on the Witwatersrand and in Pretoria during the weekend.—Reuter.

## "Polish Tito" Expected To Be Put On Trial COMMUNISTS' NEXT SHOW

London, Dec. 1. The next big Communist show trial may be staged in Poland, with Wladislaw Gomulka, one time Vice Premier and Communist Party boss, in the role of a "Polish Tito," according to indications from the Polish press and radio.

Gomulka, 47, once described by his aides as "The Little Stalin," has been under arrest for 12 months. His case bears a striking resemblance to that of Rudolf Slansky, sentenced to be hanged by a Prague Court last week.

Slansky was formerly Secretary-General of the Czechoslovak Communist Party, and he too had held the office of Vice Premier.

The name of Gomulka featured during the Slansky trial. Moshe Fijade, Speaker of the Yugoslav Assembly, was alleged to have told Israeli journalist Mordecai Toren that Slansky agreed to the Yugoslav plan for the Czechs, and that Gomulka supported a similar plan for the Poles.

Slansky himself told the court that Gomulka "played the same role in Poland" as he did in Czechoslovakia.

Trybuna Ludu, the Polish Communist paper, promptly took up the issue. It said Gomulka's assignment in Poland not only resembled Slansky's in Czechoslovakia but that of Laszlo Rajk in Hungary and Traicho Kostov in Bulgaria.

Gomulka was an obvious choice for Cabinet office when Poland's pro-Soviet postwar government was formed. He became Vice Premier and continued as party boss.

He is reported to have had a considerable personal following in Poland. This may explain the long and gradual process of his demotion and disgrace.

Warsaw Radio reported on October 31 last year that both Gomulka and Spychalski will be brought to trial for "anti-Government activities." Their immunity from arrest as Parliamentary deputies was removed the same day.—Reuter.

### EXECUTED

Rajk, former Hungarian Foreign Minister and Minister of the Interior, was executed in October 1949.

Kostov, former Deputy Premier of Bulgaria, was executed in December 1949.

Both were arraigned at show trials on the familiar charges—espionage, treason, conspiracy against the state and trying to turn their country into another (anti-Communist) Yugoslavia.

The campaign against Gomulka now is being stepped up. Warsaw Radio reported that at a meeting in the Polish capital on November 27 he was accused of having attempted to "subvert the workers of Poland to the leadership of the reactionary bourgeoisie."

Premier Boleslaw Bierut and other high party and state leaders attended this meeting, indicating official approval of this line.

Another prominent Pole facing probable trial is General Marian Spychalski, former Minister of Reconstruction.

### TREASON TRIAL

At a Warsaw treason trial of high army officers in July last year, it was alleged that Spychalski had planned to overthrow the Government with the aid of armed forces.

The disgrace of Gomulka has been gradual since he was relieved of his post as Secretary-General of the Polish Communist Party in 1948—less than 12 months after he attended the foundation meeting of the Cominform (grouping of European Communist parties) held in Warsaw.

The charge against him was "pro Tito nationalism."

In January, 1949, he lost his post as Vice-Premier and Minister of Recovered Territories. In November of that year he was removed from the Central Committee of what had then become the Polish United Workers Party (a fusion of the Communist and Socialist parties).

At the same time Spychalski was removed from the Central Committee.

The Communist Party expelled the two as Russia sent her famous wartime commander, Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky, to Poland to become Defence Minister and Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces. Since then the process of "Russification" Poland has continued apace.

Gomulka's history suggests that he is a "national" Communist leader of a type not favoured in Moscow.

### RED AGITATOR

An underground Communist agitator during the prewar Pilsudski regime, Gomulka languished in jail for many years up to the outbreak of the world war two. After the German occupation of his country he organised underground warfare against the invader, including bomb attempts on a club occupied by German officers and on the Central Warsaw railroad station.

He became a member of the Central Committee of the Illegal Communist Party and was appointed party secretary in 1949.

### Boy Found In Trance With Head Shaved

Nairobi, Nov. 30. A 13-year-old Asian boy, with his ayah (African nursemaid), was found wandering in a trance and with his head shaved today.

The child was found by special police in an African quarter of the city.

A search was immediately begun for the ayah, who was engaged by the boy's parents only a few hours before the abduction.

Police and City Council employees today completed an investigation of Nairobi's gutted Burma market, which was destroyed by fire last week.

Police reported they had found one rifle barrel, one 45-calibre revolver and a number of pangas (African knives). They also found seven bicycles and seven sacks of brass on the charred site.

Two members of the Kikuyu tribe in Kenya have been arrested on suspicion of attempting to shoot Father F. J. McGill, a Roman Catholic priest in the Kilimbi reserve last week, police announced today.

In the Gutundi area of the Kilimbi reserve, police today seized 16 head of cattle, 25 sheep and goats and three bicycles under the new Special District Ordinance following the discovery of a Mau Mau meeting.—Reuter.

### "THE DIEHARDS" BACK HOME

Southampton, Nov. 30. The First Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment, first English unit to serve in Korea under the U.N. flag, returned home today after three and a half years overseas duty.

The battalion, whose nickname is "The Diehards", fought in Korea from August, 1950, until May, 1951, when it was transferred to Hongkong.

The battalion was part of the British 27th Brigade in the early days of the Korean war.—Associated Press.

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### Wartime Rest Centre Destroyed By Fire

Alkyon Scotland, Nov. 30. Alkyon House, Royal Air Force rest centre near here, where thousands of airmen spent their leave during the war, was destroyed by fire early today.

A 38-year-old housemaid, Mrs. Baird, leapt nearly 33 feet from a bedroom, where she was trapped by flames, and was killed.

From her nearby home Lady MacRobert watched the flames leap from the roof of the mansion she gave to the Air Force in memory of her three flying sons.



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**Ngauruhoe Erupts**

Auckland, Nov. 30.

The largest of the Ngauruhoe's four craters began erupting yesterday and has been continuously active since. Clouds of black smoke belched up to a height of 6,000 feet and ash was scattered over the snow-clad slopes of the 7,515-foot volcano.

The eruption was accompanied by ominous rumblings and a lake two miles away rose eight feet. Ngauruhoe, one of three volcanoes in the centre of North Island, last erupted in April. These are not settlements near enough to be endangered.—Associated Press.

## NUCLEAR POWER STATION

### Theory Of American Scientist

St. Louis, Nov. 30.

Henry D. Smyth, member of the Atomic Energy Commission, said today that construction of the first nuclear power station may take place in some foreign country with financial help from the United States.

Mr. Smyth suggested it might prove practical to finance the plant—huge enough to provide electricity for an entire city—from Point Four funds.

Mr. Smyth and other atomic physicists are in St. Louis for a national meeting of the American Physical Society.

The reason for a foreign site for the proposed plant, Mr. Smyth told newsmen, involves the relative cost of competing steam or hydro-electric power sources. Power production in the United States is much cheaper than in some other countries, he said.

The cost of electricity produced by an atomic power plant may be low enough to compete with present rates in some other country, he explained, but not with the rates in the United States.

Overall cost of such a nuclear project in the most serious drawback to such a power plant at this time, Mr. Smyth said. Nuclear power is already being produced on a small, experimental scale by the AEC at Arco, Idaho.—Associated Press.

## Swiss Women Want Vote

Geneva, Nov. 30.

Only a little over half the women of Geneva eligible to vote went to the polls today to decide whether they should have the right to vote in cantonal elections.

Those who did—14,479 of the 22,816 eligible—voted overwhelmingly in favour of an amendment to the constitution to give them the right now denied them. The figures were: For 35,133; against 6,346.

The poll, which took place yesterday and today, has no legal significance. The next step in the women's campaign for a voice in politics will be to attempt to obtain approval in the Cantonal Assembly for a bill to amend the constitution.

Even then the men will have the last word, for the bill must be submitted to an all-male referendum.—Reuter.

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# Legal Panel's Advice To Trygve Lie

## Question Of Communist Employees

New York, Nov. 30.

Three world-renowned lawyers advised the United Nations Secretary-General, Trygve Lie, today that he can, and should, dismiss any United Nations staff employee who is an active member of the American Communist Party.

The legal panel also advised the dismissal of any employee who invokes the constitutional ground that he might incriminate himself for refusing to answer whether he was guilty of espionage or subversive activity against the United States or whether he was a member of the American Communist Party at the time of questioning.

"In our opinion there is no immunity or privilege enjoyed by any member of the United Nations staff behind which he could shelter or be brought to account on any charge of his taking part in subversive activities against the United States or America," the opinion said.

The legal language of the 50 page opinion—made public on the eve of another subcommittee hearing in New York on Communism in the United Nations—appeared to leave some loopholes for one-time Communists.

But the lawyers told Mr. Lie unmistakably that it was up to him to inquire into any case where responsible charges raised suspicions.

Mr. Lie recently hotly told American probes he would not act on what he termed "smears," but he has already dismissed some employees and suspended others because of evasive answers.

**BRITISH LAWYER**

The legal panel which wrote the opinion was composed of: Sir Edwin Herbert, senior partner in a London law firm and chairman and director of a number of British companies.

Paul Volckens, President of the Belgian Supreme Court, specialist in civil law contracts and professor of law at the Catholic University of Louvain.

William de Witt Mitchell, United States Attorney-General under President Hoover.

Mr. Lie appointed the panel early in November to survey the whole relationship of the United Nations and its staff to the United States as host country for United Nations headquarters.

He called for their advice after he was criticised for telling employees they must answer about their private lives but not about their United Nations activities when questioned by Federal Grand Juries or Senate committees.

**SMALL PROPORTION**

Mr. Lie said then he did not want any Americans disloyal to their country on the staff, but he was not clear about his power to dismiss employees on political charges.

The panel noted that only a small proportion of the staff of 4,000 is affected by accusations of Red sympathies.

The panel's opinion gave Mr. Lie wide latitude in any purge of his staff.

One section said: "In exercising his responsibility for selection of staff, the Secretary-General should regard it as of first importance to refrain from engaging, or to remove from his staff, any person whom he has reasonable grounds for believing to be engaged, or to have been engaged, or to be likely to be engaged, in any activities regarded as disloyal by the host country."

The lawyers suggest a sort of confidential loyalty review board to aid Mr. Lie.

**GUESTS' OBLIGATIONS**

In some cases, the opinion was specific as meaning United States citizens. In others, it appeared to refer to any United Nations employee on the grounds he is a resident of the United States and therefore subject to, and protected by, United States laws while he is here.

Though some passages of the opinion needed clarification, it left the impression the lawyers meant to say the only Communists who could be employed at headquarters here would be those hired under staff quotas of nations in the Cominform bloc.

# Alleged Plot By Reds

## Gaza Trial Opens

Cairo, Nov. 30.

The trial of 46 persons charged with a Communist plot to unify Palestine under Arab and Jewish Reds opened today in the Supreme Military Court at Gaza.

Press reports said indictments of the alleged Communists charged them with organising a secret society and circulating leaflets urging the cancellation of Egyptian, Jordanian and Syrian forces from Palestine and bringing the country under the joint control of Arab and Israeli Reds.

Among the prisoners was a former school teacher, Fakhr El-Mahdy, described as leader of a secret group which had contacts with other Communists in Israel, Jordan, Syria and the Lebanon.

Meanwhile, the Egyptian Premier, General Mohammed Naguib, blamed the Western powers for the present plight of Arab refugees from Palestine, saying: "Field mice have holes, but Arab refugees have no shelter."

Speaking at a celebration of the Prophet Mohammed's birthday last night, General Naguib angrily banged his fist on the table and shouted that it was a shame the Arab States should beg the "imperialist powers, originators of the Palestine disaster," to give charity to Arab refugees.

## "INTRIGUES"

The Arab debacle in the Holy Land was not due to the failure of the Arab armies, he said, but to the "intrigues of the imperialist powers and their Arab tyrant allies."

The Minister of State for National Guidance, Fahmy Radwan, commenting today on speculation that the Pagan "treason" trial indicated a new anti-Zionist trend in the Communist world, replied that the Egyptian Government could not base its policies on mere conjecture regarding the significance of a political trial.

Egypt's policy remains based on the desire for friendly understanding with all countries," he said in an interview. He added that the Zionist position in Palestine was only one aspect of Arab policy and Soviet Russia had not yet shown full support of Arab hopes and aspirations.—United Press.

## Second Biggest Crop Forecast

Washington, Nov. 30.

The second biggest soybean crop on record was forecast by the United States Agriculture Department today.

Its Foreign Agricultural Relations Office said that world production in 1952 would probably be 650,000,000 bushels, exceeded only by the 1950 harvest of 671,100,000 bushels.

This year's output was estimated at 10,000,000 bushels, or 1.5 per cent higher than in 1951, the office said.

Of the total world soybean crop, 80 per cent is grown in the United States and on the Chinese mainland.—Reuter.

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# Witch Doctors Fight The Mau Mau Threat



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Third step is placing the Thenge Stone carefully into the support made of twigs of the Migere Bush. The witch doctor has put on his make-up—which is applied only to half the face and one leg.



Second step in the ceremonies is cutting the branches of the Migere Bush, traditionally used to support the Thenge Stone.



Fourth step shows the witch doctor after he has removed the Thenge Stone from its support. The "stone" is actually made from the vertebrae of an elephant's spine. It must not be laid on the ground.



Fifth step is when the witch doctor screams the curse on the Mau Mau in a booming, horrifying voice just prior to inserting a Migere twig into the stone.

Below: Seen at the ceremony are the traditional authorities on ancient law and custom among the Kikuyu people. Second from right is Chief Njiri, last surviving chief of the Akikuyu. The two others, Chief Waruhiu and Senior Chief Nderi, have been murdered by the Mau Mau.—Pictures by Central Press.

## REJECTION OF COMMUNISM AND CAPITALISM

Policy Statement By Asian Socialists

Rangoon, Nov. 30.

The Socialist parties of India, Indonesia and Burma said today that they reject Communism because it denies in practice the dignity and equality of man.

The parties also rejected capitalism as a "form of exploitation of man by man" in a joint statement issued by the Secretariat of the Asian Socialist Conference, due to meet here in January.

The British Labour Party leader, Mr. Clement Attlee, M. Guy Mollet, General Secretary of the French Socialist Party, and Mr. Kai Bjoeker of the Swedish Social Democratic Party, will represent the Socialist International at the conference.

The three parties said in their statement: "The views and convictions of Communism cannot be separated from the position of Soviet Russia which it regards as its bulwark. Communism is essentially a system of vanguardism, of servitors and informers, for Soviet Russia."

"In Communist countries, there exists a dictatorship by Communist parties employing methods of terror by the secret police, which is also felt in the sphere of production."

NOT FOR THE FEW  
The statement rejected capitalism as a form of exploitation of man by man. It has not been able to provide the means for the emancipation of the masses.

Asian socialists, the statement said, would employ the method of analysis by Marx and Engels with regard to the development and organization of capitalist society, but would take into consideration the peculiar historical and economic development in Asia as compared to that in the Western world.

Socialism believed in planned production for the use of society and not for the profit of the few, the statement said, but Socialist planning was opposed to "totalitarian planning as it provided no guarantee for the popular control of production and the adequate and just distribution of production."

Socialist economy would consist of two sectors, the nationalized sector, and the co-operative sector, while the private sector would be permitted in a transitional State.

—Reuter.

## Israel States Peace Talks Conditions

Jerusalem, Nov. 30.

Israel will not agree to direct peace talks with the Arab countries if the Arabs insist on first discussing the problems of the Palestinian Arab refugees, and Jerusalem, the Israeli Foreign Ministry said today.

A Ministry spokesman referred press representatives to a six-Power resolution debated in the United Nations Special Political Committee last week, urging direct talks to end the four-year-old state of war. He said that while Israel welcomed the six-Power resolution, "we should refuse direct talks if the Arabs place prior conditions upon them."

—Reuter.

## Change In Pattern Of Trade

Geneva, Nov. 30.

A vast reorientation of trade between the Soviet Union and the countries of Eastern Europe since the end of the war is noted in the bulletin issued by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe here today.

The bulletin, which is for the second quarter of this year, says: "Before the war, trade between the USSR and Eastern Europe was virtually nonexistent. Unfortunately, it is impossible to measure with any accuracy the volume and distribution of trade between Eastern European countries but an attempt has been made to estimate roughly the value of this trade."

According to these calculations the bulletin said, the volume of trade between Eastern European countries, including the USSR, appears to have increased tenfold as compared with 1938 and amounted in 1951 to something in the neighborhood of US\$2,500,000,000 at current prices.

"The increase of trade with China, especially from 1950 to 1951, is not less spectacular." The bulletin says that for a number of important trading countries such as Western Germany, France, Belgium and the Netherlands, trade with Eastern Europe has shrunk to less than two per cent of their total trade.

For Britain, Switzerland, Italy and Austria, Eastern Europe accounts for only about three per cent of their total trade. The bulletin forecasts that Britain's solvency in the world during the second half of this year will be strongly affected by the drastic fall in exports to the overseas Sterling Area.

—Reuter.

## PRAGUE TRIAL SEQUEL

Jerusalem, Nov. 30.

Israel's Cabinet will hold an extraordinary meeting this week to consider last week's Prague treason trial, in which the Israeli State was implicated by prosecution allegations.

Israel's Minister in Prague, Dr. A. Koubek, will attend the meeting. A Foreign Ministry spokesman disclosed today that Israel would seize the last opportunity to raise the matter of the Prague trial at the United Nations.

—Reuter.

## First Since War

Rome, Nov. 30.

Thailand's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. P. P. Pongthorn, arrived yesterday by air from Bangkok. Thailand has been represented in Italy for the past five years by a diplomatic mission.

—Reuter.

## Super-Bicycle Thief

Florence, Italy, Nov. 30.

A 30-year-old woman was arrested here yesterday on charges of stealing a bicycle a day for the past two months.

—Associated Press.

## Coronation Contingent From Korea

Seoul, Dec. 1.

The British Commonwealth forces in Korea will probably send a company of about 120 men to represent them at Queen Elizabeth's Coronation in June, their commander, General William Bridgeford, announced last night.

He told a group of correspondents that the contingent was planned to include men from all Commonwealth countries serving in Korea.

He had discussed its formation with Major-General Michael West, commander of the Commonwealth Division. Their recommendations would be submitted to the Australian Chiefs of Staff and, if approved, would be sent to all the Governments concerned.

General Bridgeford said the Korean contingent would be apart from all the normal Commonwealth contingents going to London for the Coronation.

—Reuter.

## Ex-Princess Gives Birth

Los Angeles, Nov. 30.

The former Princess Fathia of Egypt, Mrs. Gird Ghal, 21, gave birth to a son in St. Vincent's Hospital, Los Angeles, today.

The father, a former member of the Egyptian Diplomatic Service, met the Princess when he was appointed secretary to the Queen Mother, with whom the young couple live here.

Mr. Ghal married the young Princess at a civil ceremony in San Francisco on April 25, 1950. A month later the couple were remarried at a Moslem ceremony.

The Princess's brother, King Farouk, then King of Egypt and now exiled, was so opposed to her marriage to a commoner that he took away her title and confiscated her fortune.

—Reuter.

## LIBYAN KING IN EGYPT

Cairo, Nov. 30.

An Egyptian reception mission left Cairo tonight for Sir Salim, a border town, to meet King Idris of Libya, who is paying a seven-day State visit to Egypt.

The Royal party is due in Cairo on Tuesday after traveling by rail across the Western Desert battlefields.

—Reuter.

## Coronation Cruises Bring In Dollars

London, Nov. 30.

More than 600 Americans are to pay up to £75 a day for a month for a Coronation cruise in the 34,000-ton British liner *Corona*. They will pay in dollars.

The *Corona*, due at Southampton from the United States on May 31 next year, will stay four days—Coronation Day is June 2.

On the way she will call at Portugal, Sweden and Scotland. The entire cruise will last 27 days.

Top-price suites for two persons will cost 12,000 dollars. Passengers with an outside cabin will pay, on an average, about £1,200 for their tickets.

Another dollar ship, the 18,000-ton *Furness*, with liner

Ocean Monarch, will arrive in the Thames as a floating hotel.

More than 800 Coronation visitors from the other side of the Atlantic will live in the Ocean Monarch, which it is expected, will berth at Tilbury.

Also in the Thames will be the Holland-America liner *Ryndam*, due to sail from New York on May 20, with 750 passengers.

Their Coronation cruise, after a four-day break in the Thames, will eventually end at Rotterdam.

There will be two "floating colonies" of Scandinavians at London docks.

The Swedish-Lloyd flagship *Patricia*, with room for more than 400 passengers, is expected to berth in the West India dock.

At Millwall Dock will be the 4600-ton *Britannia*, with 250 passengers from Gothenburg—London Express Service.

## Insane Woman Recaptured

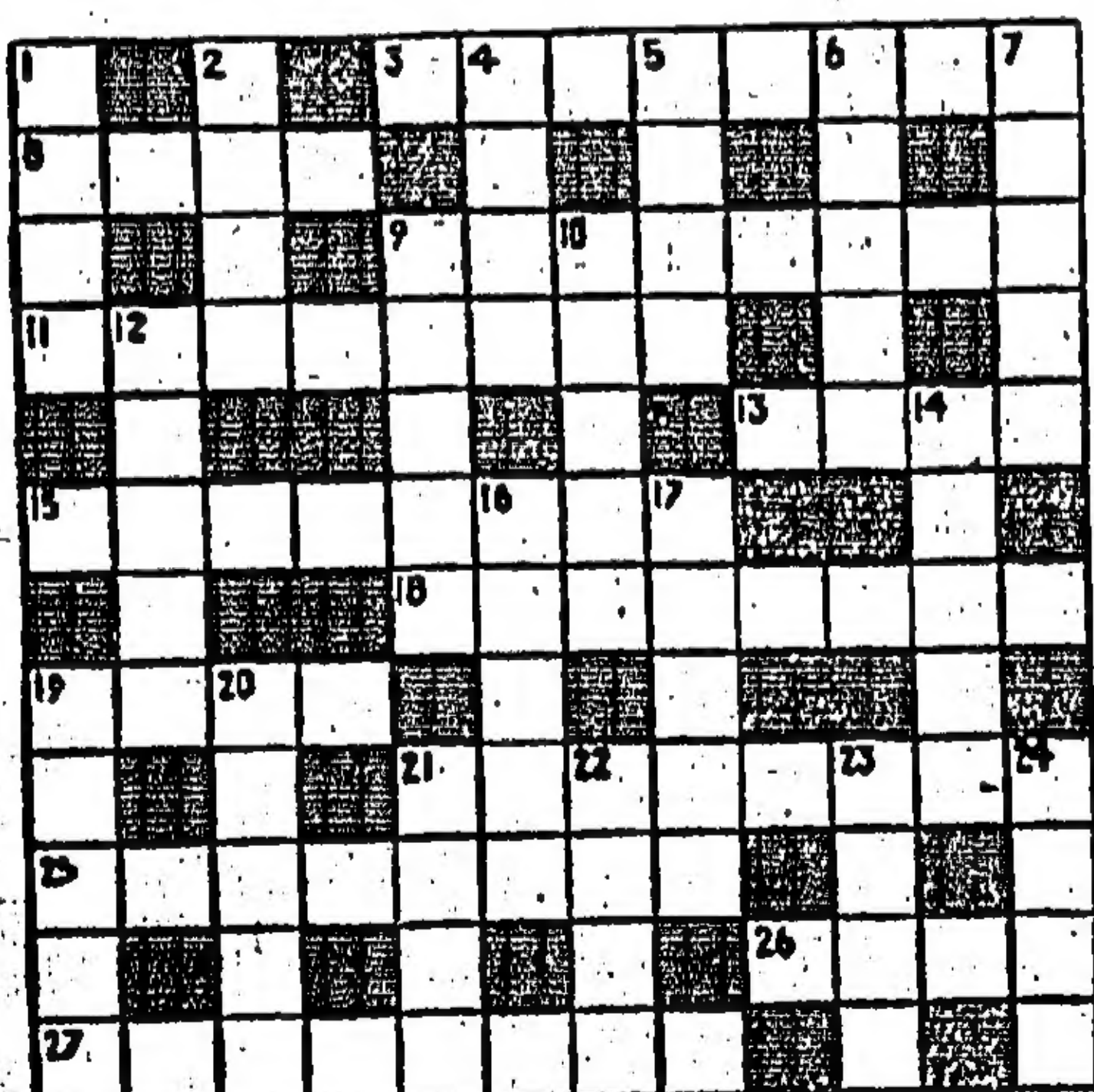
Phoenix, Arizona, Nov. 30.

The Police announced today that they had recaptured the "Arizona Tigress" a woman declared insane after being sentenced to death for the murder of two young women in 1933.

The woman, Winnie Ruth, who had escaped for the sixth time from a lunatic asylum where she had been detained for 19 years, was found by the police under a heap of clothes in the cupboard of an empty house.

—France Press.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Got nearer (8).
- 8 Actual (4).
- 9 Set free (8).
- 11 Ready (8).
- 13 Marries (4).
- 15 Quartered (8).
- 16 Scope (6).
- 19 Despatched (4).
- 21 Interfered with (8).
- 23 Servant (8).
- 25 Thought (4).
- 27 Perceives (8).

DOWN

- 1 Stay (4).
- 2 Trim (4).
- 4 Brace (4).
- 5 Regretted (4).
- 6 Conscious of (5).
- 7 Takes notice (5).
- 9 Tag (5).
- 10 Cap (5).
- 12 Continental river (5).
- 14 Trick (5).
- 16 Claw (5).
- 17 Undersaw worker (5).
- 18 Piece torn off (5).
- 20 Observes (5).
- 22 Rodents (4).
- 24 Spard (4).
- 26 Fuss (4).
- 28 Skotch (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Tropic, 4 About, 7 Contrary, 8 Laird, 9 Stead, 11 Demands, 13 Abhor, 15 Except, 18 Power, 19 Tattered, 20 Lodge, 21 Detour, 23 Tacks, 25 Paths, 27 Charade, 4 Asylum, 6 Alliance, 8 Trades, 10 Embossed, 12 Erected, 19 Appeal, 14 Turtle, 16 Chest, 17 Tudor.





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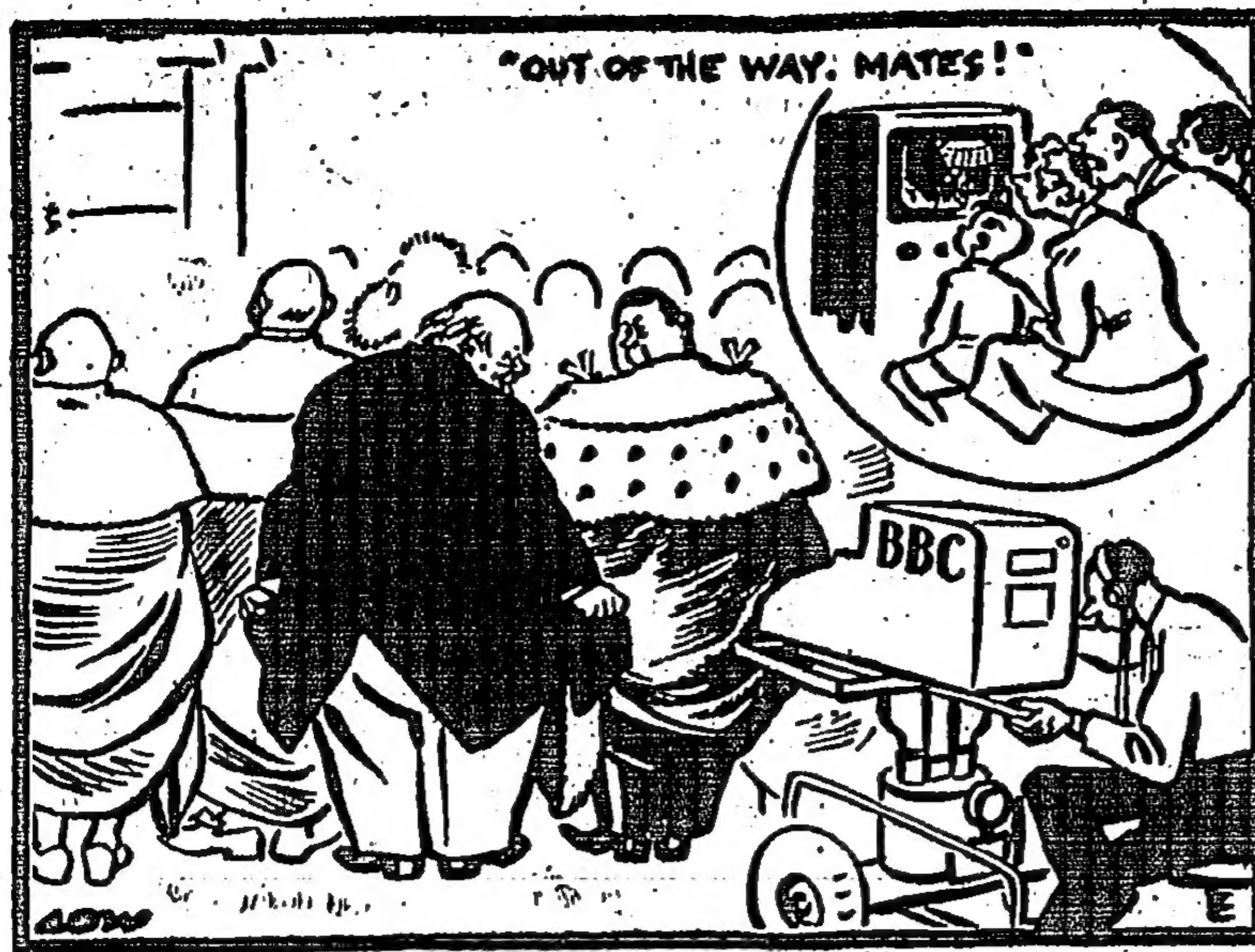


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CORONATION TELEVISION

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## These are the young in heart

THOSE whom the gods love die young. That truth was uttered in the days of ancient Greece and has been quoted throughout the centuries. The accepted meaning is that the gods in their fastidiousness take young people from this world to Valhalla, perhaps to give radiance to their temples.

Yet there are philosophers who contend that the Greeks meant something quite different. "Surely," they say, "there can be only one meaning to those words—that those whom the gods love die young, no matter at what age death comes."

**SPARKLING**  
JUST before his 80th birthday I lunched at his country house with Lloyd George, for it is impossible to write or think of him as Earl Lloyd George. Almost the only sign of old age was that his most vivid memories were of the personalities in the 1914 war instead of the Hitler war which had opened with such sluggishness. His wit was as caustic as when it riddled the Tories in the lush old days; his quality of mordant still made his eyes sparkle, and there was Welsh music in his voice.

On the wall was an attractive Mediterranean painting and I asked the name of the artist. "Oh, he's a promising young fellow," said L.G. with a twinkle in his eyes. "You ought to get to know him. His name is Winston Churchill."

When he came out to the terrace to say goodbye, his face became serious, and his voice took on a harsh imperious note. "I don't like this money war," he said. "We have not yet got to grips with the enemy. We should not leave the decision to Hitler. We should impose our will on him."

It was the last time I saw him, for a little later the gods decided that they needed his youthful spirit. He was eighty years of age, but he died young. Indeed there are detractors who say that he died too young for his years.

### SECRET?

THERE was a great celebration in London a few weeks ago to celebrate the 82nd birthday of Viscount Samuel, who has been Liberal leader in the House of Lords for a number of years. On this occasion the great 80-year-old Lord (John) Simon made a witty speech, but it was nothing to the gaiety and sparkle of Samuel's reply.

Did he, Samuel, plead long political service (for he was in the Commons before going to the Upper House), and did he wax sentimental or indulge in the luxury of memories? He did none of these things. He flashed his keen mind upon the political scene of today and made sport of it. The past was for older men than him.

I have not summoned Lloyd George from the other side of the River Styx or Samuel from the Upper House merely as veterans who defied the Psalmist. I want to know what it is that gives them this tenacity of life. All of us who are of women born are journeying on a road which starts at a point of no return. There is no turning back. There is indeed no pause. Rich and poor, sick and healthy, male and female, we say in the words of the old song: "One sweetly solemn thought comes to me o'er and o'er: I am nearer home today than I've ever been before."

At least that is what we should say, for it is true, and it is indeed a sweetly solemn thought.

Yet how can we explain the gaiety with which so many famous old men greet the birth of each new day? Is it that they are elated at getting the better of the Psalmist and the insurance actuaries? Is it a secret pride or a spirit of bravado?

Day by day and night by night I watch the 78-year-old Churchill consulting the House with the swiftness of his report, summoning the slumbering greatness of Britain to awake, walloping his opponent on the jaw, and never, never, playing the weary Titan.

Has he perhaps some secret of maintaining good health? It may be so. Certainly he takes no exercise beyond walking from Downing Street to the Houses of Parliament. Is he abstemious? Last winter when I lunched with him in the Queen Mary, he smoked three cigars and was two brandies up on me when we finally parted.

### VIBRANCE

NOT long ago I went to the Lord Mayor's Inaugural Banquet at vast Guildhall where, by tradition, the Prime Minister of the day speaks on foreign affairs. The Lord Mayor, being a youngish man, wisely used the microphone. Churchill spoke towards it but that was all. The vibrance of his voice would have filled any hall without adventitious aid.

Can we then begin to discover some quality which is characteristic of all these men that I have mentioned? In Churchill, Lloyd George and Samuel there is to be found mordant, recklessness and even a suggestion of bravado and defiance. This does not apply however to John Simon, who has treated everything, including the years, with a dignified respect.

One might think that there is something about political life which keeps men alert, physically and mentally, beyond their contemporaries. Certainly politicians live an irregular life which may postpone the hardening of the arteries, but they are not the only exponents of vibrant old age.

It has been argued that lack of exercise is a great preservative and conservator of energy. But is that true? The 85-year-old Toscanini turned up not long ago at the Festival Hall, rehearsed the orchestra for three hours and then conducted them at night. Roughly speaking, I would say that the strain of such a day would be the equivalent of three rounds of golf on a championship course.

### IRRESISTIBLE

AS for that irresistible gamine, Sir Thomas Beecham, who is a mere 73 and has yet to attain the calm of maturity, he would think nothing of conducting Götterdämmerung from 8.30 to 11 p.m., with perhaps an hour off for supper.

It is true that nature has made its protest by giving Beecham gout, but even it temporarily disappears under the mesmerism of Wagner's music.

Therefore, I think we have now summoned sufficient evidence to agree on one or two conclusions. Why, for example, can Toscanini and Beecham hurl themselves at an orchestra for hours at a time without collapsing from fatigue? The answer must be that music, plus the excitement of conducting, insulates the body from the mind.

In other words—at least I have been assured that it is so—music does not tire until the brain sends it a message to that effect. An idle mind that is not occupied must do something, so it suggests to the heart that it is in bad shape, or tells the stomach that it is overeating.

of his article on the Tories because he is sitting here with me." He is still an urchin blowing peas at top hats. His newspapers are rich and powerful, like himself, but he still retains that feeling of the born publisher who insists that every day's issue is either a triumph or a disaster. If at times he roars like Caliban he is far more often the ageless Puck.

He plays no more games, either of cards or golf, but he plays the game of life as if the prizes have yet to be won. Sometimes I have thought that he creates difficulties so that he can overcome them. But when the time comes for me to leave Montego Bay and return to London, I shall feel like one who has taken a refresher course in an intellectual gymnasium. Some day the twilight will come and after that the night, but until then Beaverbrook will wrestle with life like a champion who rejoices in his strength and in his skill.

### CENTENARIAN

BUT we must not imagine that this gift of youthful old age is confined to men or to those who are sustained by the ambrosia of success. As a member of Parliament, I went the other Saturday to pay respects to one of my female constituents who was celebrating her centenary. The Mayor also came, but was he impressed by this visitation of officialdom? If the M.P. and the Mayor came to her party she did not mind, but she knew quite well that they could not steal the limelight from her.

Five daughters, ranging from 70 to 80 years of age, looked after her with the care that the young always show to the old. Grandsons, granddaughters and great-grandchildren littered up the house.

With the instincts of the reporter I asked for a secret of her long life and good health. "Live in London," she answered, a little crumpling, but with obvious pride. "Never been out of London in my life. Never wanted to be."

Although the Mayor and I had to go, the party went on for hours, the climax being reached when a telegram of congratulation arrived from the Queen. Next day the old lady died. Her hundred years had reached a glorious end with a telegram from the Queen, and the tributes of the community. I saw nothing of a visit from the Mayor and the other fellow, whoever he was.

Her life was centred in her expanding family, in her little garden, and in the sprawling metropolis of London. The days and the years had brought no weariness but only a multiplying of interests. With women like that about, it was foolish of Hitler to think he could bomb London into surrender.

### TENACITY

PERHAPS no one has ever explained this tenacity of the years better than the late Sir William Mulock. It was in 1941 that I saw him in Canada for the last time, on the eve of his 98th birthday. We had a dinner party of men, and much to Mulock's disappointment the others went home at about eleven o'clock. So we sat up together, and I asked him also for his secret.

"I always get a bang out of things," he answered. "There perhaps we had better end our homily about how to live on 24 hours a day. I still contend that Euripides meant the young in heart when he proclaimed the preference of the gods, and not only those who have been cut off by an untimely frost in the springtime of their lives."

## MOSCOW—BY AN AMBASSADOR'S WIFE

# Mrs KIRK takes her ear-rings off

MRS KIRK, from Erie, Pennsylvania, went to Moscow (1949)

determined to keep her eyes open, her powers of criticism unimpaired, and her spirit high, as became the wife of the new American Ambassador, Admiral Kirk. Now she has written a book called Postmarked Moscow\*, compiled from letters sent to her children in America.

The younger Kirks, Marion, Deborah and Roger, can never have doubted that Moscow had put a new edge on their mother's native gift for satire.

\* Scribner (3 dollars).

At tea at Mme. Vishinsky's ("I really liked her and found her pitiful—with her hair dyed that curious mahogany affected by elderly European actresses"). Mme. Gusev (wife of the former Soviet Ambassador to Britain), criticised American buildings—"no plain like large boxes"—to Mrs Kirk.

Mrs Kirk, who had used up all her kindness on Mme. Vishinsky, comforted herself by noticing that Mme. Gusev, in a monstrous hat of cabbage roses, looked like a provincial lady attending her son's wedding, and that she ate pastries, "extending her little finger in the most refined possible way."

As she was leaving Mrs Kirk took occasion to ask Mme. Vishinsky's young interpreter if she had learned her English in Moscow. "Oh, yes," was the answer. "I hope one day to go abroad. That would be interesting and helpful!" "It would, indeed," replied Mrs Kirk.

### TOO MUCH

To hear a Russian criticising American buildings—it had been too much.

Now Russian buildings... on the people Mrs Kirk could write a volume, and very nearly does so: Their dirt and down-at-heelness; the slaphod way in which they are put up, only to fall down again; their perpetual disrepair; the destructive feasts of Russian repair gangs.

Climax of these horrors is the overcrowding. Mrs Kirk is baffled because, "there do not appear to be great epidemics of disease." For, with "socialised medicine" to the 10th degree, equipment in the best hospitals is "like that of a second-class English nursing home." Could condemnation go further?

Yet, in spite of it all, the Russians fall obstinately to die like flies. Mrs Kirk gives it up: "They are—they must be—a tough people."

Mrs Kirk was equally observant when she comes to describe a diplomatic reception. "The hordes had fallen on the supper tables. I took off my diamond ear-rings and put them in my bag—no use losing anything in that mob. There was a tap on my shoulder and a cordial greeting. Mme. Gromyko's whom Mrs Kirk had met a year before "in a plum silk dress reminiscent in style and cut of my Great Aunt Fanny who died in 1920."

### SOLICITUDE

From Mme. Gromyko, Mrs Kirk's eye passes on to take in Marshal Budenny "tossing down glass after glass." But it is time for the American contingent to quit the reception. "Dad" (Admiral Kirk) "had told us we were all to leave after 45 minutes, the same length of time the Soviets stayed at our reception... our watches were synchronised."

Was the gesture observed? Mrs Kirk doubts it. "The Soviet heads were well down in the troughs." But her last thought was one of sisterly solicitude: "Poor Madame Gromyko must be feeling very tired this morning."

From such gilded scenes Mrs Kirk turns to domestic details: the deep-freeze cabinets in the American Embassy, out of order after a single year "there seems to be no conception of



MRS. KIRK  
"They must be tough."

maintenance"; the difficulties of buying flowers in Moscow; the problem of Russian servants.

"The British" Counsellor's wife tells me that she has lost four maids this year, the Luxembourg Minister's wife, two... No hot water. The furnace man was home, drunk... The British are down to a second-rate lot (of servants), except for their Belgian cook, who goes to bed with a bottle of cognac to console himself for having come to Moscow... The Egyptian Minister is doing his own cooking.

### SIBERIA

Where do all the servants go? To Siberia, if they are unlucky.

The cook at the Norwegian Embassy, told by the authorities she must no longer work for foreigners, packed her bags and left for Siberia on her own account. "Voluntary" emigration entitles the individual to keep his or her passport.

To escape from the servants and the sanitation and the speeches at Communist Party rallies (America attacked 25 times: Britain, 2) Mrs Kirk would, from time to time, leave Moscow on one of the four roads "permitted to diplomats (48 hours' notice necessary)."

Once she ventured as far as Leningrad: room (dirty) and bath (no hot water), 54 dollars for the afternoon. It was more than she could bear. "I got into the train and went to sleep exhausted by sheer rage."

G. M. Thomson

## They "Took" The Crown Jewels

—BUT NOT FOR KEEPS

THE first pictures of the Crown Jewels by official press photographers are due to be released for publication in newspapers and magazines throughout the United Kingdom early this month after a team of London cameramen had undergone the most grueling peacetime assignment in Fleet Street history.

The team was led by ace cameraman Alfred Harris and R.R. Tanner, whose mission was to "shoot" the Crown Jewels on behalf of the entire British press for the first time in 20 years. The estimated cost of the day's coverage was in the region of £300.

So exacting were the conditions under which the two men worked that they were almost out on their feet through sheer exhaustion after 15 hours' continuous work. All through the day they worked under strict rules of procedure imposed upon them by security requirements, hardly pausing for refreshment except for an occasional modest cup of tea and, towards the end of the session, constant whiffs of smelling salts.

For the whole 15 hours the team was under the closest supervision and guard. They were not allowed to touch a single jewel and any required re-grouping had to be done by the Crown Jeweller. Both Harris and Tanner were so "punch drunk" towards the end of the day they had to wear each other against double exposure.

Some of the team of helpers worked all day in the small cell in which Henry VI was smothered by assassins, and in the room where the photographers' slides. In all, they made some 800 exposures of the most important pieces in the collection, each man doing nearly 200. Ekstachy and 200 black and white negatives. They operated alternately, one re-loading his camera while the other took a picture. Some test colour "shots" were taken first, and while these were being prepared black and white exposures were taken until noon. All manner of pictures were taken to suit individual newspapers' requirements.

Negotiations with the Tower authorities for the facilities were shrouded in the utmost secrecy, and final details of the arrangements were only revealed to some 15 individuals or representatives of organisations concerned. There was not sufficient room for more than two photographers to work at a time.

Special permission had to be obtained for the 3½-ton dark-room van to enter the Tower—the first time in history a private vehicle was thus allowed to remain inside the gates after 6 a.m. Another precedent was created when the gates were opened for the vehicle to leave AFTER the Ceremony of the Keys. And the team had to be at the Tower suitably armed with two specially issued passes—one from the Lord Chamberlain's office and the other from Scotland Yard.

J. W. Taylor







## By "SPIV"

**SECRET**





## A New Soviet Four Year Plan For Olympics

Moscow, Nov. 30. The Soviet athletic authorities on Saturday effectively launched their preparation for the next Olympic Games with the publication of new athletic norms and standards of training rules aimed at capturing world sports records.

The newspaper "Soviet Sport" organ of the All-Union Sports Commission, devoted practically its entire issue to what is called the "new fighting programme".

In its editorial, the paper said: "The new athletic classification must be mobilisation of all detachments of athletes and coaches for higher efficiency in all types of sports for the conquest of national, European and world records."

The paper urged it was the "patriotic duty of our strongest athletes to lead the struggle for victories in Soviet sports for the glory of the motherland."

Konstantin Andrianov, Vice President of the Sports Commission, and Chairman of the Soviet Olympic Committee, laid it down that the most immediate task was to raise the level of Soviet performance in track and field, swimming, soccer, cycling, boxing, fencing, water polo and tennis.

Andrianov said the new standards are higher than those adopted four years ago, under which the Russians prepared for the last Olympics, and should ensure the invincibility of Soviet athletes.—United Press.

## WEEK-END SOFTBALL S. CHINA TROUNCE SAINTS TO TAKE UNDISPUTED LEAD IN SENIOR LEAGUE

By "KEYSTONE"

The pennant-aspiring South China team outthit and outplayed the mighty St. Joseph's in every department of the game yesterday to take over the undisputed first place slot in the Senior "A" Division.

In the afternoon, the lowly Chinese Athletics hauled themselves at long last out of the cold, dark cellar when they drubbed the battery-weak US Navy boys 13-6. In the sole Ladies' Division tilt of the week-end, Willie Woo's boisterous Pandas for once found themselves on the right end of a lop-sided score when they won their return match with the CAA girls by 27-3.

Four safe hits, aided by three fielding errors, netted the South China squad five heartening runs to start off in flam-bang fashion the first inning of their needle tilt with the Saints. Leftfielder L.C. Poon and catcher S.C. Wong each brought a brace of runs in with some fine clutch hitting.

The Saints threatened in their half of the inning when "Showboat" All skittled the ball through second to get on. But oldtimer George Souza flitted out to right and the relay in caught the runner safe-footed to complete the twin-curse.

South China went further ahead when Y. T. Chan was issued a free ticket to first, advanced to second on an infield out and crossed the platter when P. C. Wong slapped the first of his two hits of the day.

St. Joseph's broke into the scoring column also in the third canto when outfielder Baptista walked and scored on a couple of stolen bases. This proved to be the only tally the Saints could muster in all of seven innings, although they managed to slam out another three hits off hurler P. C. Wong.

The Nam Wah boys put the game on ice in the fourth canto when they capitalised on six successive errors committed by the St. Joseph's field to mark up two additional runs on another hit by L. C. Poon.

DECIDING FACTOR The heavy bats of the Saints were swinging very much off tempo, and the absence of several talented stick-artists from the usual line-up proved the deciding factor against Art Ozorio's squad.

South China dished up some sterling plays, with the outfield cepping the major portion of

the glory when they smared no fewer than nine roaring flies to limit the Saints to four scanty hits.

Winning pitcher P.C. Wong outstaidied his opposing number, Sherry Ducks, by issuing only one walk, and the three-inning game was completely baffled and bamboozled with his ultra-slow bloopers.

Saints' chucker Ducks conceded five walks and was touched for eight hits when the Nam Wah boys indulged in one of their rare batting moods.

Sharing batting honours for the day were L. C. Poon, P. C. Wong and S. C. Wong, who shared six solid hits between them to lead the South China attack.

In the afternoon game, Frank Poon's Chinese Athletics put the bee on the US Navy boys and pulled themselves one step from the lower echelons of the Senior "A" Division to which they had been relegated with four losses against them so far.

After many practiceless month at sea, Uncle Sam's boys had yet to find "land-legs", and the CAA took full advantage of this situation to run up a long overdue win.

Going into the third inning with a slim one-run margin against them, the Navy boys lived things up considerably when catcher Freeman burred a walk off L. P. Lam and advanced to scoring position as the CAA second baseman bobbled a grounder by Duvall after two outs. Both runners scored on shortstop Pancha Gomez's looping homer, over left to put the Navy into a short-lived 3-1 lead.

BOUNCED RIGHT BACK CAA bounced right back with vengeance in their half of the long third inning when they

tallied eleven times on two hits and eight walks off Navy hurler Newman.

The gods crossed home-plate once and fifth stanzas with a couple of hits, but were blanked for the remaining two innings when CAA pitcher "Ping" Lam zeroed in on the target.

The Chinese Athletics became victims of a double-killing in the fourth canto when, with Seldon Lam perched on third, L. P. Lam hit a grounder which the third baseman rifled over to first out, and the ball was relayed home to nip Ma when he attempted to come in on the play.

Frank Poon's boys tapped out only three meagre hits to chalk up their top-heavy 13-run score, drawing no less than 20 bases on balls from two unsteady Navy chuckers.

Heartened by their lucky win over South China last week, the Panda girls jumped on their CAA sisters and gave them an unsightly 27-3 beating in the tea-time game.

Playing much-improved ball, the Pandas unleashed a steady barrage of 13 base-hits to inch a little higher over the ground-floor Chinese Athletics.

Thirdsacker Eugenia Kwok, wielding the big-stick with gusto, smacked out two successive four-baggers in one single inning to set up another hard-to-beat precedent in the current League.

Taking the lead right from the start with a four-run margin, the Pandas never looked back, rolling up a commanding 9-1 advantage by the fifth inning.

The ballgame blew up in the faces of the CAA, when, with one base loaded, Eugenia Kwok lifted one of relief pitcher K. Tom's offerings into the outfield gardens for a two-run homer.

Ingrid Wang kept the ball rolling with another safe hit, and Bonnie Chan and Lucy Loo followed rapid suit to join the merry-go-round.

The over-game Chinese Athletics conceded eight further runs in the last canto when the old apple received further run-producing punishment from the bats of "Little Army" Cheng E. Kwok, Diane Tong and J. Woo.

Winning pitcher Pearl Chan walked nine batters, but allowed only four hits to the opposition, with M. Lam, K. Tom and H. Lee collecting one safely apiece while keystone smacker M. Kwan poked out a rousing two-bagger in the sixth.

### THE SCORES

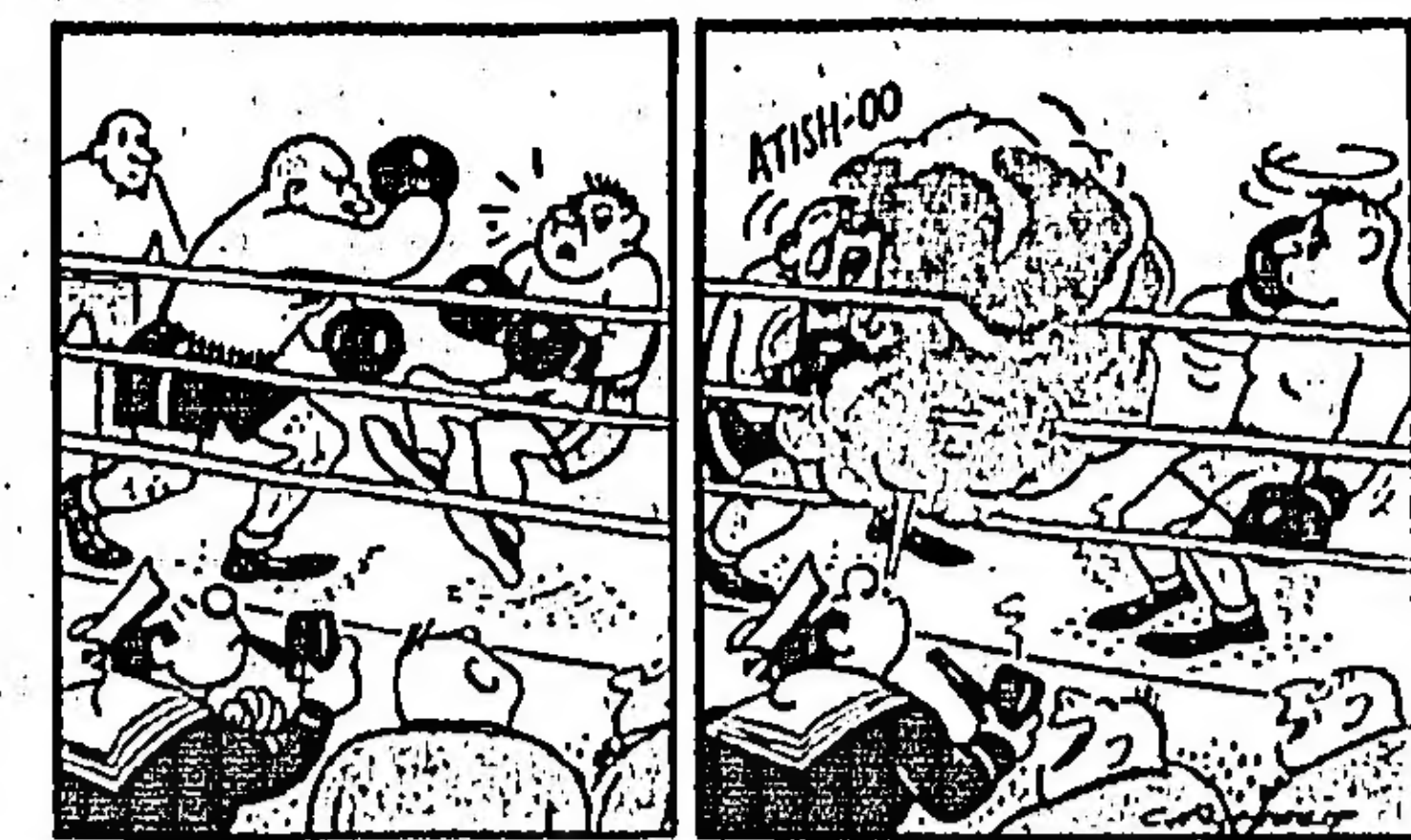
Ladies' Division: Chinese	Chinese
Athletics 3, Pandas 27.	
Junior Division: Cornets	0.
Dodgers 11; 35 Bantams 1.	
Griffins 10; Blackhaws 5.	
Pandas 8.	
"A" Division: St. Joseph's 1, South China 8.	Chinese Athletics 13, US Navy 6.

### BATTING AVERAGES

Batting Average figures covering the first two months of League play in the Senior "A" Division have now been compiled and made available by the Scorer-in-chief, Tony Kwok.

The following list gives the batters currently leading in the Major League, the figures being based on a minimum of 10 times at bat—

AB	H	B.A.
Wally Ma (Pandas)	18	7 .389
Tom Wei (Pandas)	19	7 .368
Vic Padrao (Jaguars)	17	7 .353
Joe Grace (Madcaps)	17	0 .353
Claude Pugh (Jaguars)	17	5 .353
Scotter Herdick (Pandas)	20	7 .350
Harold Orr (Pandas)	18	5 .313
A. Young (Saints)	18	5 .313
John Perera (Warriors)	17	4 .294
Mamie Carter (Saints)	18	5 .297
Benny Omar (Saints)	19	5 .263
Ray Aldeguer (Warriors)	18	4 .250
K. Sit (CAA)	18	5 .250
Ignace Eriksen (Jaguars)	21	5 .238



## HANDICAPS FOR THE SIXTH RACE MEETING

Given below are the Handicaps for the Sixth Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club to be run at Happy Valley on December 6 and December 13.

The Alveston Handicap for Class 2 ponies will be run in two sections and the Lyndhurst Handicap for Class 6 ponies in one section.

On Saturday, December 6, the first bell will be rung at 1 p.m. and the first race will be run at 1.30 p.m.

On Saturday, December 13, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2 p.m.

FIRST DAY	SPORTSMAN
Race 1—Clarence H'cap (1st Section) Novices. Class 10. From 11 M.P.—Nightlight 133, Boy Scout 142, Fortuna 147, Golden Boy 147, Happy Day 144, Home Sweet Home 140, Jennifer 150, Rosemarie 152, Samson 147, Seaweed 150, Windermere 151, Wonderful Girl 141.	145, The Hopeful 140, Underhill 150, Vabridge 150, V.J. Day 133.
Race 2—Tipton H'cap Class 5, 114 Miles—Bright Bay 145, Crown Winder 140, Dashing Beauty 114, Jorjacks 140, Mabel 150, Mastery 140, Silver Dabula 152, Strathmore 147, Strathcruiser 154, The Gazelle 140, Uncle Tom 152.	Race 3—Lyndhurst H'cap Class 5. From 11 M.P.—Bells Fontaine 150, Concord 152, Desire 157, Gold Gem 150, Eudora 147, Fleetmaster 147, Gladys 147, Glamour 147, Butterly 150, Hawaiian Moon 140, Huntmaster 147, Liberty Ship 152, Mink 152, Mr. Chippy 147, National Honour 140, No Regrets 153, Regatta 150, Pleasant Valley 144, The Stranger 145.
Race 3—Excelsior H'cap Class 5, 6 Furlongs—Age King 150, Boom Town 150, Canadian Potato 150, Chelsea 144, Desert Gold 147, Deuces 152, Easy-going 150, Green Velvet 152, Happy Day 144, May Blossom 152, Nipper 150, Radio Star 152, Rebel 145, Shalrock 140, Silver Dabula 152, Strathmore 147, Strathcruiser 154, The Gazelle 140, Uncle Tom 152.	Race 4—Bute H'cap Class 4, 1 Mile—Adorable Atlanta 152, Apple Pie 153, Arabian Dagger 147, Barbican 144, Big Shot 152, Blue Sky 140, Culet 150, Cockney Day 154, Fair When 144, The Lioness 142, Vagabond King 147.
Race 4—United H'cap Class 5, 1 1/2 Miles—Allied Victory 147, Battlefield 142, Cicopatra 140, Easy Slam 147, Elmer 152, Queen Helen 147, Ringing Moment 145, Lucky Strike 142, Marino Charger 144, None Vixen 147, Peter 150, Quin 140, Ringway 141, Rowanica 145.	Race 5—Broadwood H'cap Class 4, 2 Miles—Adorable Atlanta 152, Apple Pie 153, Arabian Dagger 147, Barbican 144, Big Shot 152, Blue Sky 140, Culet 150, Cockney Day 154, Fair When 144, The Lioness 142, Vagabond King 147.

### HONG CRICKET

#### Dodwells Beat Wayfoong

In their annual cricket fixture at Chater Road yesterday, Dodwells defeated the Hongkong Bank by 18 runs in a low scoring match.

SCORES: DODWELLS N.E. Arthy, c Layton, b Craig 41; G. Goldack, b Cantopher 0; R.W. Franklin, c Layton, b Craig 7; H.B. Nee, b Craig 14; C. Chubb, b Jekyll 4; A.P. Pereira, c 0; Borthwick, c Craig 14; T. Franklin, c Cantopher 14; C.B. Connell, b Craig 0; P. Williams, not out 0; D. Miller, c Cantopher 0; Extras 1; Total 98.

Fall of wickets—1-0, 2-32, 3-32, 4-32, 5-65, 6-65, 7-93, 8-95, 9-95.

### BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Jekyll	10	2	35	1
Cantopher	10	2	35	1
Craig	10	2	35	0

### NO PLAY IN TEST

Madras, Nov. 30. Due to heavy rains, the third day's play in the fourth Test match between India and Pakistan was abandoned today.—France-Press.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

### SIXTH RACE MEETING 1952/53

Saturday, 6th and Saturday, 13th December, 1952.

(Held under the Rules of The Hong Kong Jockey Club)

On the 1st Day the First Bell will be rung at 1 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m.

On the 2nd Day the First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2 p.m.

There are 9 races on the 1st Day and 8 races on the 2nd Day (17 in all).

Through Tickets (17 Races—\$34.00) also tickets at \$2.00 each for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup Sweep" scheduled to be run on 24th January, 1953, may be obtained at the Cash Sweep Office of the Club at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road.

Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday, 5th December, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at—

5 D'Agular Street, Hong Kong

382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

### TOTALISATOR

The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules—

Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies so declared by the Stewards when the "All Clear" is given. The "ALL CLEAR" signal will be indicated by a white light at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED.

Totalisator Tickets should be examined and checked before leaving the Selling Counters as mistakes of any description cannot be rectified later.

Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Out Counters as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once Investors have left the Counters.

All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

### MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and the Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Alexandra House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 10.30 a.m. on the 1st Day and at 11 a.m. the 2nd Day. The Secretary's Office will close at 11.15 a.m. the 1st Day and at 11.45 a.m. the 2nd Day. The Treasurers' Comptroller Office is situated at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, and the Secretary's Office at Alexandra House, 8th Floor.

A limited number of tifins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$3.00 per day including tax for all persons including Ladies and will be payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Public Enclosure during a Meeting will forfeit his or her right of admission to the Enclosure and will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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### SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Member's Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order, H. MISA, Secretary.

## An Idea—But A Waste Of Breath

# No Provision For Players From The Commonwealth In Ryder Cup Trophy Deed

London, Nov. 30.

An annual topic among sportsmen, particularly golfers, is that the British Ryder Cup team should be thrown open to Commonwealth players.

It is being discussed again, but those who suggest such a happening might just as well save their breath until the time arrives, if ever, that conditions for the match are changed.

When instituted it was laid down that the Ryder Cup should be contested by teams of British-born and United States-born professionals—resident in their countries at the time of the match.

So even if Australian and South African professionals, who it is suggested should be included, were ranked as British, the fact that they are not resident in Britain automatically rules them out.

This subject arose in Australia recently during a match in which some touring Americans were opposed to Australians.

Nobody denies that such men as Bobby Locke of South Africa, Norman Von Nida, Ossie Plekworth, Peter Thomson and Eric Crenin, of Australia, are the equal if not the superior of several British players who have attained Ryder Cup rank.

Both Lloyd Mangrum and Jimmy Demarest of the United States told Australian sportsmen that they thought such men should be in the British Ryder Cup team, which should be thrown open to the Commonwealth.

MORE SENSIBLE Mangrum added the more sensible argument that, alternatively, the match should become triangular among Britain, the United States and Australia.

Here is the forerunner of a still more popular fancy—a Ryder Cup contest on Davis Cup lines thrown open to any team in the world which cares to enter.

The main objection to this is, of course, finance. At the present time Britain finds it difficult enough to get funds to send

a team to America every two years.

But run on zonal lines like the Davis Cup, such a match—or series of matches—could raise a fund sufficient to make the American trip possible if it became a case of Britain travelling across the Atlantic—or even to Australia.

The fact that the pick of professionals came to Britain for the Open Championship, however, indicated that it could be possible to play off preliminary matches round about the same time with the winners earning the right to contest the final stages later, wherever it was decided to hold them.

But any Leeds of Commonwealth players appearing in a British team for the match, as at present laid down in the deeds of gift of the trophy by a man any longer with us, are out of the question.—Router.

## Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

By Robert L. May.



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"PERSEUS"	Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	24th Dec.	
"ARTYANAX"	Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	31st Dec.	
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# Everest Men

On Way Back

Khatmandu, Nov. 30.

Swiss mountaineers on

their way back here after

their attempt on Mount

Everest are thought to have

reached Namche Barwa,

170 miles north-east of

Khatmandu.

Sources in regular con-

tact with the expedition

said today that they based

this estimate on the known

Swiss schedule.

No one knows yet

whether or not the mount-

aineers had reached the

peak. The sources said they

have had no reports for the

last 20 days.—Reuter.

OFF TO THE

ANTARCTIC

Buenos Aires, Nov. 29.

The Navy Ministry announced

today that the 17th Argentine

Antarctic expedition will sail

for the Antarctic early in De-

cember.

The Ministry said that the

transport, Bahia Aguirre, and

the towboats, Chiriguano and

Sanaviron, will take part in the

expedition.

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United Press.

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# Crowds File Past

Coffin Of Former

Queen Of Italy

Montpellier, Nov. 30.

Hundreds of farmers, fishermen and towns-

men of all ages and stations of life today filed past

the flower-banked casket of ex-Queen Elena of

Italy.

They formed a queue nearly a mile long down a

narrow country road leading between vineyards to the

orange-tile Roman villa where the Queen had lived.

She died early on Friday after a long illness.

The light wood casket was

surrounded by huge wreaths of

red and yellow roses. Small

bouquets of white lilies, violets

and red carnations lay on top of

the casket.

Two Dominican Sisters of the

Order which cared for the ex-

Queen during her treatment by a

clinic stood beside the closed

casket.

Flanking the coffin were three

huge candles. On a balcony

above, in the two-story hall of

the villa, stood four black-clad

members of the household staff,

who took their positions in re-

lays. Behind the casket the

green, red and white Italian flag

was draped over a huge marble

mantle. On the flag was the coat

of arms of the House of Savoy

topped by a crown.

Across the room was a

simple white and gold altar

FUNERAL RITES

Funeral rites will begin on

Monday morning with a Mass

beside the casket in the villa.

The funeral cortege is to leave

the villa at 10 a.m. and file on

foot about 200 yards to a main

highway where the procession

will be resumed in motor-cars.

The cortege will cross Mont-

pellier to the Saint Lazare

cemetery where another Mass

will be said in the cemetery

Chapel before the burial.

The body of the 70-year-old

Elena will be temporarily

interred in the family tomb of

Professor Paul Lamirque.

At the villa today, towns-

people who knew the Queen as

a generous and simple woman

passed from the room contain-

ing the casket into a salon where

the late Queen spent much of

her time. Three walls of the

room were made up of windows.

The overfurnished furniture was

of a plain and comfortable design

with flowered slip covers. In

the salon were a huge aquarium

of goldfish, a few oil paintings

and a big jigsaw puzzle framed

under glass representing an

etching of Napoleon at the

battle of Moscow. From this

room the visitors passed out

onto a flagstone terrace where

potted orange trees were ranged.

The main floral pieces banked

around the casket of the ex-

Queen came from: The Duchess

of Pistoria; Signor Chieco,

Mayor of the city of Bari;

Signor Aquilino, Mayor of

Naples, and M. Marie Clotilde

Serge, a French friend of the

ex-Queen.—Associated Press.

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"PEI HO"	Dec. 8	Dec. 9	N. Africa & Europe
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## Slump In British Car Industry: Dealers' Hard Time

London, Nov. 30.

Used car prices in Britain have tumbled over 25 per cent during the past month, and dealers are scratching their heads over the causes of the motor industry slump. Lack of buyers is also giving the dealers a hard time.

New medium-priced cars seemed to anticipate either a reduction or abolition of the purchase tax, but there has not been, and there seems no likelihood of, official backing of their statements.

## REPORTS DISCOUNTED

The result of these statements is, however, that used car dealers have already discounted removal of the purchase tax, and dealers are refusing to take new cars into stock without some guarantee of protection against dropping values should the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. R. A. Butler, decide on abolition of the tax. The result is a complete stalemate.

The Treasury is certainly not getting any yield from the purchase tax because there are no sales. It seems, therefore, as if pressure of under-employment in the motor industry, which cannot be absorbed for ever by shorter and shorter working hours, is bound to force a pronouncement from the Treasury of its intentions regarding the home car market, as apart from the hoped-for export revival.

Experts have calculated that, since the end of last month's Motor Show, the loss of capital values to the industry, as reflected in stock markets and the cars held in agents' showrooms and manufacturers' stock rooms must be at least £10,000,000.

It is now almost preventing any sales inside Britain at all. The Government and the restriction declaration system, measures imposed by the motor industry upon itself to avoid unfair trading, seem, like the purchase tax, to have outlived their usefulness.

Unofficially, public announcements made at the recent Motor Show at Earls Court by manufacturers' representatives

OFF TO A GOOD START  
Prospects Bright For The Empire Conference  
Convertibility Of Sterling  
The Outstanding Issue

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Nov. 30.

The Commonwealth Economic Conference has got away to a businesslike start after the delay caused by the late arrival of the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, and the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Eden, who were held up by bad weather conditions over the Atlantic.

This, however, need not be taken as a bad omen. It is true that metaphorically speaking a large question mark hangs over the conference table bearing the legend "Conditions over the Atlantic." But this has nothing to do with the weather.

Despite the uncertainty of the United States' future economic policies, however, prospects for the Commonwealth conference are exceedingly bright.

The way ahead may be long and hard but, as the New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr. Holland, has remarked, this is a confidence conference and not a crisis conference.

The opening speeches by the heads of delegations certainly reflected the feeling that for once the Commonwealth countries have gathered in an atmosphere that is not heavily weighted with the fear of impending disaster.

From what little is known of the actual content of these speeches it is clear that this is not to be a repetition of the January Finance Ministers' meeting.

Certain differences of opinion are inevitable even in a family gathering—indeed, they are desirable if the conference is not to degenerate into an occasion for mutual back-slapping.

But the various delegations are quite agreed on two things.

## A CLEAR POLICY

First is that, in the phrase of one Prime Minister, "Sterling must be made to swim." The lifeboats of restriction and discrimination that have enabled it to remain precariously on the surface through recurrent crises are now to be thrown overboard by the process of gradual but continuous development and expansion.

Second point of the general agreement is that this expansion must be achieved through the implementing of a clearly defined policy in which every member of the Commonwealth has a definite part to play.

It will not be achieved—as the Commonwealth has in the past sometimes tried to solve its economic problems—through a series of disjointed actions by individual members without regard to the common interest.

These broad principles will guide the Prime Ministers and their economic advisers—including seven Colonial territories—throughout the conference.

On questions of detail, however, the Ministers may find themselves in something less than full agreement.

## CONVERTIBILITY

Outstanding issue before the conference is that of Sterling convertibility. Here there is known to a certain amount of disagreement among the Ministers—not only over the all-important question of timing but also, it seems, over the exact form that convertibility should take.

It is not easy to arrive at a definition of convertibility to which all parties to the controversy could subscribe. But, strictly speaking, if a currency is convertible—in the sense that the dollar is today—it means it can be exchanged by people who hold it for an equivalent amount of any other currency in the world.

But, in practice, convertible currencies are convertible in this sense, people who came by them in the normal course of international trade and finance would be able, if they wished, to exchange them into dollars and use the proceeds to buy goods from America.

There are, of course, various degrees of "freedom" that could be given to Sterling without making it fully convertible. The right to convert Pounds into other currencies could, for example, be confined to those earned through current transactions.

## STILL RISKY

This would prevent Sterling held on capital account from being converted into other currencies and removed from the Sterling Area; but it would still entail the risk of a run on the gold and dollar reserves of foreign holders of "current" Sterling decided to use most of their Pounds to buy dollars—as under present conditions they almost certainly would.

A difference of opinion arises, however, over the question whether even in this limited form convertibility would mean that Sterling Area countries could draw unlimited quantities of dollars from the central reserves to finance increased imports from America.

Certain Dominions—Australia and South Africa among them—are inclined to regard Sterling convertibility either as a means of increasing their dollar purchases.

The view taken by the British authorities on the other hand, appears to be that even if Sterling was made convertible the Commonwealth Sterling countries would still be required to provide the utmost economy in their purchases from the dollar area.

While the gold and dollar reserves remain at the present low level, however, this is a question of academic interest only.

## THE FIRST TASK

Clearly the first task is to rebuild the reserves until they are able to withstand the heavy pressure that is certain to be exerted on them from outside the Sterling Area in the early days of convertibility.

This does not necessarily mean that they must be increased at least fivefold before convertibility can be attempted—as Mr. Douglas Jay, former Socialist Financial Secretary to the Treasury, suggested last week.

But, when it is considered that the Sterling Area's dollar deficit has averaged over \$700 million in the last three and a half years—despite a dollar surplus of \$800 million in 1950—it should be obvious that the reserves must be built up quite considerably from the present level of \$1,767 million before convertibility becomes a practical proposition.

This does not by any means exhaust the arguments against immediate convertibility. It takes no account, for example, of the position of the Sterling balances. Some £850 million of these are held by non-Sterling countries. Another £1,000 million are held by the Colonies (whose need for dollar goods is as great if not greater than that of the Dominions).

## CLEAR SIGN WANTED

These liabilities alone are greater than the Sterling Area's entire gold and dollar reserves. It must not be forgotten, on the other hand, that the Commonwealth includes Canada which is an important dollar country.

Is the Sterling Commonwealth to go on discriminating against imports from another member country, as it will have to do so long as the Pound remains inconvertible?

And what of finance for development? Is foreign private investment in the Sterling Commonwealth likely to expand appreciably while the repatriation of profits and the availability of equipment to improve investments remain subject to the provisions of exchange regulations?

These are some of the questions the Commonwealth Prime Ministers must answer during the next two or three weeks.

There are, of course, other important problems demanding their attention. But many people all over the world will regard the conference as a failure unless it gives some clear indication of the steps by which Sterling is to be made convertible.

## THE STOCK EXCHANGE

Dominating factor in the stock markets this past week has been the opening of the Commonwealth Economic Conference.

Though Government officials have been stressing that what the Prime Ministers are concerned with now is long-term expansion as opposed to short-term expediency—a publicity which the conference has received has served to focus attention on the real improvement that has taken place in the general economic situation since last January's crisis meeting of Finance Ministers.

At least one section of the market, however, is hoping for a decision that will lead to quick action. That is the gold mining section where hopes are now pinned on a rise in the price of gold.

The forecast made by an American publisher that the United States will next year raise the gold price from \$35 to \$52.50 brought investors into the market and some good gains were made.

## BRIGHTEST SPOT

The gilt-edged market has remained quiet. Both un- and medium British stocks were slightly up on the week

but the effect of these small gains was to put the "Financial Times" index of Government securities up by no more than a fraction of one per cent.

Industrials improved after the opening of the new account on Wednesday when the market fell under the influence of Wall Street, where the post-election rally has been resumed.

Motor and aircraft shares were the brightest spot in the market, the former forging ahead on hopes of purchase tax concessions and the latter on hopes that recent aircraft sales to the dollar area presage valuable new orders for this industry.

So far as the motor industry is concerned, however, the immediate outlook seems none too bright.

On Saturday two firms connected with the manufacture of cars announced the suspension or dismissal of a number of workers through lack of work.

The foreign bond market was again the scene of a good deal of activity.

Interest spread to Chinese bonds on hopes of a peace settlement in the Far East but later news caused a partial loss of some of the ground gained. Japanese bonds were in demand at the beginning of the week and several issues made large gains.

Later, profit-taking developed and, though this was well absorbed, the market lost its momentum.

The success enjoyed by Japanese bond-holders led to some switching into German issues on hopes that these would prove as profitable in the long run as Japanese stocks have been.

## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$234,404. Non-price and the morning's transactions—SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES BANKS

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## Exchange Rates

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U.S. dollar (per \$1) 6.0725  
Sterling (per £1) 15.25  
Indonesian guilders (per 100) 27.50  
Siam (per 100) 33.50  
Singapore (Straits) 18.25  
FIC Straits (per 100) 11.275

## Sugar For Japan

Tokyo, Nov. 30.  
The Japanese Government has permitted the import of 30,000 tons of Indian sugar and 20,000 tons of Cuban sugar. The Ministry of International Trade and Industry announced today that it is the first time Japan has imported sugar from India.

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"TASMAN"	Dec. 8	Singapore, Penang & Belawan Dell
"TIGELBERG"	Dec. 9	Manilla, Singapore, Mauritius, S. Africa & E. Africa
"TIJANAS"	Dec. 10	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"STRAAT ROENDA"	Dec. 10	Singapore, S. Africa & E. Africa
"TIGELBERG"	Dec. 11	Japan
"TIJLWALH"	Dec. 11	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"RUYS"	Dec. 18	Japan
"TIJMENTENG"	Dec. 21	Japan
"BOISSEYAIN"	Dec. 28	Japan
"TASMAN"	Dec. 29	Japan
"TIJWANGI"	Jan. 2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TIJODAS"	Jan. 7	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"RUYS"	Jan. 9	Manilla, Singapore, E. & S. Africa
"VAN HEUTZ"	Jan. 10	Singapore, E. & S. Africa
"TIJLWALH"	Jan. 10	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TIJANTJET"	Jan. 19	Japan
"TASMAN"	Jan. 19	Singapore, Penang & Belawan Dell
"TIJONDOK"	Jan. 23	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TIJWANGI"	Feb. 2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"STRAAT ROENDA"	Feb. 3	Japan
"TIGELBERG"	Feb. 9	Singapore, Djakarta, Mauritius, S. Africa & E. Africa
"TASMAN"	Feb. 9	Japan
"TIKAMPEK"	Feb. 9	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TIJMENTENG"	Feb. 15	Manilla, Singapore, E. & S. Africa
"TIJLWALH"	Feb. 16	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TIJANTJET"	Feb. 23	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TIJWANGI"	Mar. 2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"BOISSEYAIN"	Mar. 9	Manilla, Singapore, Djakarta, Mauritius, S. Africa & E. Africa

## ARRIVALS From

Ship	In Port	From
"TIJWANGI"	In Port	Macassar, Surabaya, Semarang, Djakarta & Singapore
"STRAAT ROENDA"	Dec. 5	Japan
"TASMAN"	Dec. 6	Japan
"TIGELBERG"	Dec. 7	Japan

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## Tanker Explosion Casualties

# Attack

Manila, Dec. 1  
The "enemy submarine"

He said that the object tackled was definitely a submarine, and added that the submarine was not an American one.

A thorough search in the area, however, failed to yield any indication of the submarine having been destroyed or exploded by the depth bombs dropped by the Philippines navy ships, the spokesman added.

Observers said that the submarine might have been trying to land arms for the Huk rebels.—France-Press.

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"It might be a good idea not to wait till next spring to get married—it's too easy for me to get interested in some body else!"

Giving evidence was Leung Kam Soong, Chinese salesman employed by the Artland Watch Company, who said the defendant, after some discussion about the price, informed him that he was a member of the Police force. He added that he had sufficient money on him and wanted the salesman to accompany him to his office at Police Headquarters, Oriental Build-

On the way back, Excellency stopped at Pool Road, where a squad clearance is to take place in a few days time. While there

**His Fare**

An ex-Police Constable Cheng Tan, 22, was fined when he pleaded guilty.

Called off on Friday, it was resumed 12 hours later. Last night, officers dining out were ordered back to headquarters, many still in dinner jackets.—  
Hester.

The second and third of the new vessels were now being assembled; the parts of the fourth had just arrived, and

Assistant Director of Marine,  
and Mrs Sprague, the Hon. T.  
Bowring, Director of Public  
Works, and Mrs Bowring, the  
Hon. T. N. and Mrs Chau, the

Arrested on Sunday while attempting to steal a wooden "Poor Box" placed outside St Joseph's Church, Chou Chou, a 22-year-old unemployed, was sentenced to three months' hard

Wong Yuk-mo, who was entering the church at the time caught the defendant in the act and had him arrested after a short chase.

4.30 one of Sir George Bonh  
New first acts, on his return, will  
A/ the removal of Mr Bird from  
situation which he has hith

a tithe of the contempt in which Mr Bird's acts are viewed by foreigners in this country would be very specially and justly deserved and some more fitting steps to protect the character of Great Britain at Whampoa. A man from his ignorance of what he really does from him, his temper is so irritable that he is continually giving way to petty annoyances. Only a few days ago there was an instance of this with Captain Gray of the British ship Fortshire. That gentleman called on Mr Bird the day before he was proceeding to the States of Virginia for England, to withdraw his papers. Some delay occurred about exchequer for Spanish Dollars, which though worth four and a half pence in Canton, Mr Bird would only allow the Government to pay for them at the rate of three farthings.

The four men entered house by breaking one of

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